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## **Arizona Department of Juvenile Corrections Hosts National Executive Training Conference**

Arizona Department of Juvenile Corrections will host a week-long intensive training program that will address the professional skills needed for new facility directors to effectively lead a juvenile corrections or juvenile detention facility.

The National Institute of Corrections' (NIC) executive training for newly appointed facility directors will take place at the Best Western Central Phoenix Inn, 1100 North Central Avenue, beginning May 3, 2004 through May 7, 2004.

The conference interactive format will allow participants to explore issues in a peer training format with NIC's experienced training team members who have successfully led juvenile corrections and detention facilities. Topical issues that will be addressed include: Leading a Changing Workforce, Dealing Effectively with Your External Environment, and Shaping Your Facility's Vision, Mission, Values and Culture.

The NIC training academy was established in 1971 after a major riot at New York's Attica prison focused national attention on corrections and the practice of imprisonment in the United States. The NIC training academy addresses four main areas. 1) Encourages the development of a body of corrections knowledge, coordinates research, and formulates policy recommendations; 2) Provides professional training of the highest quality for corrections employees and executives; 3) Provides for a forum for the exchange of advanced ideas in corrections; and 4) Brings about improvements in the professionalism of corrections field.

NIC offices are located in Washington, D.C, and in Longmont, Colorado.

ADJC Director Michael Branham, who was recently appointed by Governor Napolitano and ADJC Deputy Director, Dianne Gadow are scheduled to speak.

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